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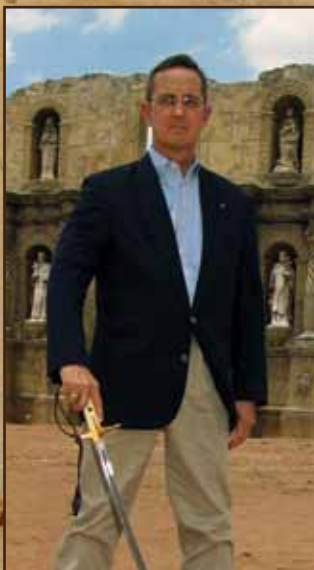
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The history of Texas is what sets Texans apart and makes us who we are. It lengthens our stride and swells our hearts with pride. It gives us courage to accomplish great things. Our unique history proves Texas is a special place, with a story like no other.

But part of that history is in danger of being lost forever. The maps and documents of the Texas General Land Office

Archives are under siege by the forces of age and use, and they cannot continue the fight without our help. Right now, invaluable historic maps of Texas are disintegrating. Historic documents bearing the original signatures of Jim Bowie, William B. Travis, Stephen F. Austin and other Texas heroes are becoming dangerously brittle. Without proper care, these Texas treasures could be lost forever to future generations of Texans.

The Texas General Land Office Save Texas History program is dedicated to preserving the historic documents in the Archives, while promoting the history those documents contain. Whether you choose to buy a map, make a private donation or sign up for a corporate partnership, I hope you'll make a financial contribution today and help preserve our rich heritage.

Thanks for your interest. Please stand your ground and help Save Texas History.

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OUR MISSION

SAVE TEXAS ★★ GENERAL LAND OFFICE HISTORY! PRESERVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

- ★ Educate all Texans about our colorful past.
- ★ Preserve and promote the historical documents of the General Land Office Archives.
- ★ Serve as a teaching resource, providing tools for the study of Texas history.
- ★ Seek and develop corporate partnerships.



Created by Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson in 2004, the Save Texas History™ program is a highly successful initiative to conserve historic documents and maps in the Archives while promoting Texas history.

THE ARCHIVES

- ★ The Archives was created after the Texas Revolution, when Sam Houston directed the first land commissioner John Borden to collect all available land records in order to define the new Republic.
- ★ The collection now houses more than 35 million historic maps, sketches and documents dating back to Spanish rule.
- ★ The Archives serves as a home for the history of Texas land and is a premiere resource for historical research.
- ★ Maps, sketches and letters contained in the Archives are more than just functional—they are hand-drawn works of art.



Highlights

- Original Spanish and Mexican land grants
- A 1720 Spanish document establishing Mission San Jose
- Stephen F. Austin's *Registro* of Old Three Hundred land titles
- First draft of the Texas Constitution, with first use of "Republic of Texas"
- Signatures of Texas Patriots like Austin, Houston, Bowie, Travis and more
- Rare copies of 1836 muster rolls (originals burned in 1855)
- Letters from Alamo and Goliad defenders, including Susanna Dickinson testimonials
- Confederate documents, including Scrip Certificates, letters and diaries

PRESERVATION

- ★ The maps and documents of the Archives are conserved in an expensive, professional process including dirt removal, deacidification, mending, flattening and meticulous reconstruction.
- ★ Conserved documents are scanned at high resolution, posted online and used to produce high-quality color prints for purchase.
- ★ More than 70,000 documents have been conserved, but they continue to age and deteriorate due to continuous use and poor early storage conditions.
- ★ Conservation efforts are funded solely by private donations and map reproduction sales. No state money is appropriated for this cause.



Do Your Part

**THE FUTURE OF THESE DOCUMENTS
DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT.**

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EDUCATION

Save Texas History™ promotes the study of Texas history, so all Texans can discover our rich shared heritage, and appreciate our colorful past.



- ★ This Week in Texas History™ is a 60-second weekly radio show produced by the Save Texas History program.
- ★ Free, professionally produced weekly content is provided for educational use and available for sponsorship by corporations or organizations.

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